

## 2 Peter 1:1-9 Supplementing Your Faith

Read 2 Peter 1:1-10

Simeon<sup>[a]</sup> Peter, a servant<sup>[b]</sup> and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

**Verse 1-** Peter Says that this is to those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with the apostles by the righteousness of Christ. Our salvation is just as valid a salvation as the apostles, your salvation and my salvation are equal because it is all through Christ. I can't be any less saved than you, and you can't be any more saved than me.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

**Verse 2** – We see however that the amount of grace and peace I have, or the amount of understanding and contentment I have can be multiplied. I can have more or less peace than someone, I can have more or less understanding than someone. Peter says that these things are multiplied for each of us through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to His own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup> by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

**Verse 3-4** – God has made available to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, that is to say godly living or developing a godly character, personal holiness, spiritual maturity. Which allows us to live actively as Christians even though we are in a time that is overcome with the world, the flesh, and the devil and his followers.

### **Where and how are we able to have access to all things pertaining to live and godliness?**

The first 4 verses are opening the passage with a clear importance and significance of what Christ has done for us.

Peter is essentially saying, *“HEY ISN'T IT GREAT THAT WE CAN ALL HAVE SALVATION IN CHRIST AND THAT MY SALVATION AND YOUR SALVATION ARE EQUALLY VALID BECAUSE THAT'S HOW BIG AND GREAT JESUS IS, BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN WORK ON PERSONALLY, YOU NEED TO BE GROWING IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST.”*

And verses 5-9 explain further how we are to be growing in grace and in knowledge.

Think about and define what these words mean and how Peter is using them under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit:

What is faith? –

What is virtue? –

What is knowledge? –

What is self-control? –

What is brotherly affection? –

What is love? -

**Peter then says that if a believer possesses these qualities then they are able to be effective and fruitful.**

Think about the significance that Peter places on these characteristics in the live of a believer. Are you as a believer placing that kind of significance on these qualities in your own life?

We can all continue to grow in each of these areas. What are some habits or changes you may need to remove or add to your life in order to develop and multiply these qualities in your life?

Peter says that if a person is not doing these things and is not increasing in them or growing in them then that person is less spiritually effective and less spiritually fruitful. These things are what make us grow, what make us bear fruit, what make us effective in living a life that is worthy of the gospel, defend our faith, discern what is pleasing to God and walk with Christ in light as children of light.

**Read these passages:** Philippians 1:27-28    1 Peter 3:15    Ephesians 5:1-11

These are the things, that allow us to STAND FRIM IN OUR FAITH, TO BE FIRMLY PLANTED ON THE FOUNDATION OF GOD’S WORD!

**“Doesn't matter what the press says. Doesn't matter what the politicians or the mobs say. Doesn't matter if the whole country decides that something wrong is something right.**

**This nation was founded on one principle above all else: The requirement that we stand up for what we believe, no matter the odds or the consequences. When the mob and the press and the whole world tell you to move, your job is to plant yourself like a tree beside the river of truth, and tell the whole world -- No, YOU move.”**

-Captain America from Captain America Civil War